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USDA to Survey Cattle Operations

Harrisburg, PA – In January, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey cattle operations nationwide to provide an up-to-date measure of U.S. cattle inventories.

“This information helps producers make timely, informed business decisions and plan for herd expansion or reduction. It also helps packers and government leaders evaluate expected slaughter volume for future months and determine potential supplies for export,” said Northeastern Regional Director King Whetstone. “Obtaining the current count of cattle will serve as an important decision-making tool for the entire agricultural industry.”

During the first two weeks of January, Northeastern regional producers will have the opportunity to report their beef and dairy cattle inventories, calf crop, death loss and cattle on feed information. To make it as convenient as possible for producers to participate in the survey, NASS offers the option of responding via the Internet, telephone, mail or a personal interview with a local NASS representative.

“At NASS we have a strong commitment to respondent confidentiality,” Whetstone said. “We are required by law to protect the privacy of all responses and publish data only in aggregate form, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified.”

The January *Cattle* report will be released on January 31, 2019. This and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov. For more information, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at 1-800-498-1518.

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